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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE AGREED AT IEA
MINISTERIAL MEETING AND RELEASED AT 1900 TODAY.
BEGIN TEXT:

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY
AGENCY MET AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN PARIS ON 27TH MAY,
1975, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. RENAAT VAN ELSLANDE,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM.

1. MINISTERS NOTED THAT THE EVENTS OF RECENT YEARS HAVE
HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY OF A
REGULAR AND STABLE ENERGY SUPPLY. SOLUTIONS TO CURRENT
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS MUST REST UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF INTER-
DEPENDENCE OF ALL COUNTRIES, MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY, SO THAT ALL COUNTRIES, WHATEVER THEIR
LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT, MAY BE RECOGNIZED AS PARTNERS IN
THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM. THEIR CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MUST BE BASED UPON WORLD ECONOMIC
GROWTH IN CONDITIONS OF STABILITY AND EQUITY.

MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR DETERMINATION THAT THE
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AGENCY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE, AS FAR AS PROBLEMS CONNECTED
WITH ENERGY WERE CONCERNED, TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF
THESE OBJECTIVES.

2. MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD
ENERGY SITUATION SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AGENCY
ON 15TH NOVEMBER, 1974. THEY LAID DOWN GUIDELINES AND
PRIORITIES FOR THE AGENCY'S FUTURE WORK AND FOR THE FULL

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM AND
RE-AFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF A CO-OPERATIVE MULTILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG OIL
PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

3. THEY NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT AN EMERGENCY SYSTEM
HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED TO REDUCE OIL CONSUMPTION AND
TO ALLOCATE OIL SUPPLIES IN CONDITIONS OF SHORTAGE. THIS
EMERGENCY SYSTEM CAN BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION AT SHORT
NOTICE IF REQUIRED, AND WILL SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE
ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF ANY FUTURE OIL SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES.
THEY NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF EMERGENCY RESERVES TO
INSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EMERGENCY SYSTEM, AND
NOTED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD WOULD REACH A DECISION
BY 1ST JULY, 1975, AS TO THE DATE BY WHICH THESE EMER-
GENCY RESERVES SHOULD BE RAISED TO 90 DAYS SUPPLY.

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4. MINISTERS NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ON THE OIL MARKET IN ORDER TO ENSURE GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND TRANSPARENCY IN INTERNATIONAL OIL TRADE. THEY AGREED THAT THE OIL MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE PROMPTLY COMPLETED AND EVALUATED.

5. MINISTERS CONFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO BEGIN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM ON LONG-TERM CO-OPERATION ON ENERGY BY 1ST JULY, 1975, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE AGENCY BY MAKING MORE EFFICIENT USE OF THE WORLD'S LIMITED AVAILABLE RESOURCES OF ENERGY IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD ECONOMY; BY DIVERSIFYING

THE SOURCES OF ENERGY; AND BY REDUCING DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL.

MINISTERS AGREED THAT CO-OPERATION IN THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM, TO BE EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE, SHOULD TAKE INTO DUE CONSIDERATION THE SPECIFIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE PROGRAM SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE BURDENS AND BENEFITS DERIVING FROM JOINT EFFORTS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ARE SHARED AMONG THEM ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS, AND THAT POLICIES DIRECTED AT ACHIEVING SUCH A BALANCE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN EXISTING UNCLASSIFIED

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LEGISLATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS. THEY FURTHER STRESSED THAT THE OVERALL EFFORTS AND UNDERTAKINGS OF EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY WITH RESPECT TO ENERGY CONSERVATION, PRODUCTION OF ENERGY AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ENERGY FIELD SHOULD BE REGULARLY REVIEWED WITHIN THE AGENCY.

6. MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVATION, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF A GROUP CONSERVATION TARGET FOR 1975.

MINISTERS DECIDED THAT THE WORK OF THE AGENCY SHOULD BE ACTIVELY CONTINUED, AND AGREED THAT GOVERNMENTS OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WOULD NEED TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE ENERGY CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES OF THE AGENCY ARE ACHIEVED.

MINISTERS LAID DOWN AS PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE WORK:

- THE CONSIDERATION OF CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR THE GROUP FOR 1976 AND 1977;

- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDIUM-TERM GOALS FOR 1980 AND 1985; AND

- THE INTENSIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY REVIEWS TO STRENGTHEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES.

7. THE MINISTERS AGREED ON THE NEED TO ELABORATE A COORDINATED PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION FOR THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AS PROVIDED IN THE DECISION ALREADY TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING BOARD, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR A COMMITMENT TO INCREASE, ENCOURAGE AND SAFEGUARD INVESTMENT BY GENERAL AND SPECIFIC MEASURES.

THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE AGENCY SHOULD INITIATE

PROMPTLY AN EXAMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. THIS COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD ENSURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS IMPORTANT ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ENERGY WITH DUE REGARD TO SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS. AMONGST OTHER QUESTIONS SHALL BE DISCUSSED THE AVAILABILITY OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND TECHNOLOGY TO MEET THE PROBLEMS OF SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT.

ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE DECISION, MINISTERS INSISTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FIELDS SPECIFIED IN THE IEP AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY COAL AND NUCLEAR QUESTIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY AGREED TO BUILD FURTHER UPON THE PROGRESS ALREADY ACHIEVED BY THE AGENCY IN THE AREA OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. THEY RESOLVED THAT PRODUCTIVE RESULTS IN THIS AREA WILL REQUIRE A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO DEVELOP CONCRETE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE, THEY AGREED THAT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, WITH ATTENDANCE BY SENIOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS, SHOULD BE HELD IN THE AUTUMN OF 1975 TO

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COMPLETE THE FORMULATION OF A RESEARCH AND

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

8. MINISTERS REVIEWED THE RELATIONS AMONG OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED ALIKE. WITH THIS IN VIEW THEY WERE AWARE OF IMPORTANT AND PRESSING PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO ENERGY, AND THEY WERE DETERMINED THAT THESE SHOULD BE TACKLED WITH POLITICAL DETERMINATION AND WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME-FRAME. MINISTERS NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE OECD MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON MAY 28TH AND 29TH PROPOSES TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF COMMODITIES, INCLUDING FOODSTUFFS, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TOWARD EFFECTIVE ACTION FOR FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS. FOR ITS PART, THE AGENCY WILL DO ALL WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE TO WORK FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SO FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH ENERGY.

MINISTERS NOTED THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETING HELD IN PARIS FROM 7TH-16TH APRIL, 1975, HAD PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL AND SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE MEANS OF ESTABLISHING CLOSER RELATIONS AMONG OIL PRODUCING AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

MINISTERS DECLARED THEMSELVES READY TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS AT ANY TIME AND IN ANY MANNER FOUND MUTUALLY CONVENIENT, AND REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMON WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE AND TO ENCOURAGE INITIATIVES DIRECTED TOWARDS FURTHER PROGRESS.

MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON POSSIBLE WAYS OF PURSUING THE DIALOGUE. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED COUNTRIES. THEY INSTRUCTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GOVERNING BOARD TO ADDRESS THESE QUESTIONS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT FORMAL DELIBERATIONS RESPONSIVE TO THE INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED CAN BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND TO EXAMINE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DIALOGUE SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

9. MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE WORK CARRIED OUT IN THE AGENCY THUS FAR HAS MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MEETING THE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN THE ENERGY FIELD. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOLIDARITY AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES, AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR AN INTENSIFICATION AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, A BROADENING OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

UNDERTAKEN IN THIS AREA. ACTING IN ITS OPERATIONAL
CAPACITY, THE AGENCY WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP FURTHER ITS
COOPERATIVE ENERGY PROGRAMME IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE
OVERALL ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION, WHICH IS
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